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**I.      Profession      Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction      Date of Admission**

Attorney	Connecticut Superior Court	1967
	Appellate Division, New York State Supreme Court, First Department	1968
	U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York	1971
	U.S. District Court, Eastern District District of New York	1973
	U.S. Tax Court	1975
	U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut	1991
	U.S. Supreme Court	1991
	U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit	2002

**II.      Professional Organizations      Active/Inactive**

New York State Bar Association	Active
Nassau County Bar Association	Active

**III.      General Professional Experience**

I have been engaged in the private practice of law since 1968. I began my career as an associate with Kronish, Lieb, Shainswit, Weiner & Hellman (which merged with Cooley Godward Kronish LLP in 2006, now Cooley LLP). After a brief period in which I was a sole practitioner in New York City, I became a member of Meltzer, Lippe, Levy & Goldstein, P.C. (now

Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP). In 1979, I founded my own firm and continue as a member of Levy & Schneps, P.C. I began my legal career with an emphasis in the tax, corporate and securities fields. After approximately 20 years as a commercial transactional attorney, I turned more actively to commercial and Surrogate's Court litigation. Since approximately 1990, I have served as an arbitrator, first with the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and subsequently with the American Arbitration Association where I am on its complex commercial case panel. I have provided mediation services since 2005. I am currently also listed on the mediation rosters of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the Nassau County Supreme Court Commercial Division and the Nassau County Supreme Court Matrimonial Center.

#### **IV. Experience and Familiarity with Bankruptcy Law**

During the course of my commercial practice, I have counseled, and participated in counseling, clients in connection with bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues, having most recently served on an of counsel basis in a Chapter 11 case which was converted to a Chapter 7 case requiring evidentiary hearings in which I have been an active participant as creditor's counsel. In my alternative dispute resolution experience, bankruptcy and collection issues are frequently discussed in the settlement process.

#### **V. Mediation Training**

36-hour Mediation Intensive Training Program with The Center for Mediation in Law (now The Center for Understanding in Conflict); 24-hour Commercial Division Mediation Training program; 16-hour Advanced Commercial Mediation Training program. I have also attended a number of additional mediation programs sponsored through the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York and the American Arbitration Association.

#### **VI. Mediation Experience**

I have served, and am currently active, as an advocate and as a mediator in both court-directed and private mediations involving commercial litigations, securities cases, and professional organization disputes and matrimonial conflicts. In addition, I provide mediation services to the Nassau County Supreme Court Differentiated Case Management/Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.

## **VII. Area of Expertise**

My expertise includes tax, corporate, general commercial, financial, and trusts and estates legal matters from both a transactional and litigation perspective.

## **VIII. General Pertinent Business or Legal Experience**

I am a founder of Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (CAMS), a private arbitration and mediation service. In the course of my career as a lawyer, I have counseled, and continue to advise, numerous business clients in both legal and business matters. I have served as an arbitrator for more than 20 years and am currently listed on the roster of neutrals of the American Arbitration Association on its complex commercial case panel.

## **IX. Other Pertinent Information**

I have been AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell for many years. I obtained my undergraduate B.A. degree from the University of Connecticut in 1964, my J.D. Degree from Boston University School of Law in 1967, and my LL.M. in Taxation from New York University in 1968.

## **X. Fee Structure**

My current billing rate as a member of Levy & Schneps, P.C. is \$450 per hour. For ADR services, I bill my time at an hourly rate of \$395 plus reimbursement for travel costs and out-of-pocket expenses, or as otherwise agreed. In individual hardship cases, fees may be subject to adjustment as appropriate.

## **XI. Pro Bono Preference:**

No preference. Either Brooklyn or Central Islip is acceptable.